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While in the act of marking over goods some one behind us cried

FIRE!

Looking up we could see nothing but

SMOKE!

which rose heavenward, northward, southward, eastward and westward, caused all by an old cedar swamp near town which was ablaze. This however was enough to FRIGHTEN US, YES, TO

SCARE US,

and being somewhat of a nervous temperament, got excited or, as my professor used to say "rattled." After seeing the danger passed, which calmed us, we looked over our work of marking goods and this is what we found to our horror but to others' delight:

WW W WW
W W W W
W W W W
W W W W
W W W W
W W W W
W W W W
W W W W

Marked

elegant French velvets worth \$1.25 at 40c. per yd. scarlet all wool medicated twilled flannel worth 45c. at 30c. double folded fine imported all wool tricotes in all shades worth 50c. at 25c. per yard, men's scarlet all wool underwear worth \$2 at 95c., children and boys' shoes worth \$1.50 at \$1 and so on all through.

Coming to the carpets and oilcloths I must have been crazy. I would not otherwise have marked them so low. As all of our goods are marked with plain figures I cannot change them and having too much on hand anyway will leave them now, better than if they had been destroyed by fire. Avail yourself of this opportunity and get your bargains while they last at

MARKED

A. LUSTFIELD, Prop'r.

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Buttons put on with Patent Fasteners on every pair of shoes sold, free of charge.

COPP'S LAND REVIEW.

Pending Legislation—Mr. Holman's Latest Homestead Laws.

In the beginning of this series of letters, mention is made of what is known as the Holman Public Land Bill, and of the bill forfeiting railroad land grants, and it was stated that neither would pass both Houses of Congress at the present session. Subsequently the fact was announced that both bills had been passed by the House of Representatives, and the opinion that they would not get through the Senate was reiterated.

Mr. Holman seems to have arrived at a conclusion in harmony with those opinions, and has adopted a very unusual—not to say unwise—course with a view to securing by suspension the objects he fears will prove unattainable by the ordinary methods of repeal and straightforward declarations of forfeiture.

On August 28 he introduced "A Bill to suspend all laws touching the disposal of public lands except the homestead law, and for other purposes," by which it is provided that the public lands of the United States shall be disposed of only under and according to the provisions of the homestead laws, and that the commutation clause of those laws shall be inoperative, until the pending legislation affecting such lands shall be disposed of, or until the present session of Congress shall adjourn; and that any isolated or disconnected tracts of public land less than 160 acres may be ordered sold at private or public sale for not less than \$1.25 per acre when in the judgment of the Commissioner of the General Land Office it would be proper to do so. That during and after the pendency of measures now before Congress relative to railroad grant forfeitures no act done by any of the grantees shall enlarge their right or claim to any lands covered by the grants, nor shall this provision be construed to diminish or waive any right of the United States to declare a forfeiture of any of the grants.

In a brief letter like this it would be impossible to point out all of the errors embraced in this proposed law. In the first place it violates well established legal principles in attempting to accomplish by indirection that which has been found impossible to do in a direct legal

manner. Next it undertakes to prevent persons who have made homestead entries from exercising the right to commute their entries which is vouchsafed to them by the laws under which the entries have been made. It denies to the persons (and their assigns) who for waivers of legal rights to valuable lands have accepted scrip from the government, the right to locate such scrip in the manner prescribed by law and the terms of agreements between them and the government. It undertakes to wipe out of existence that rule of law laid down by the Supreme Court of the United States by which contracts with the government are held to run until legally revoked by competent authority and to impair the rights of citizens. Should it be carried into effect it would work incalculable injury to the progressive communities of the Northwest, and interfere with private rights in every public land State and Territory in the Union.

It would stop proceedings towards completing every entry that has been initiated under any other than the homestead law, and probably cause the suspension of work on every line of uncompleted land grant railroad. The Commissioner, in the report which he will probably be called upon to make upon this bill, should emphatically disapprove its enactment into law.

HENRY N. COPP.

HEALTH NOTICE.

Any person leaving any rubbish or filth, dead animals or parts of the carcasses of dead animals, or refuse from any grocery or butcher shop in any place within one mile from this village or one-half mile from any public highway in this township, except the same and every part thereof be buried at least two feet under the ground, or entirely consumed by fire, such person shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and be punished to the full extent of the law.

H. C. KIMBALL, health officer. CRYSTAL FALLS, JUNE 7, 1888.

OVER HALF A MILLION IN PAINTINGS.

The Seney collection of paintings to be exhibited at the opening of the new Detroit Museum of Art on September 1st next, has arrived in that city and been insured for \$251,750—just one-half its actual value. The collection embraces the works of all the best modern artists, and is said to be the finest collection of modern art in the United States. In ad-

dition to this the famous picture "The Twins," by Bouguereau, from the Lewis gallery at Coldwater, valued at \$18,000, will be seen for the first time in Detroit since the Art Loan of 1883, together with several of the finest paintings owned by General Alger, and a representative collection from the well-known art dealers of New York, Knoedler, Schaus and Reichard. It is expected that all the railroads will run weekly excursions at greatly reduced rates, and it is anticipated that 100,000 people will visit Detroit this fall.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

THE DIAMOND DRILL, is authorized to announce the name of John S. McLean, of Stambaugh, as a candidate for sheriff of Iron county, subject to the decision of the Republican county convention. The fact that Mr. McLean has made an exemplary officer during his term is entitled to consideration.

A CARD.

To the voters of Iron county, Michigan: The undersigned takes the liberty to announce himself as a candidate for the office of treasurer of Iron county to be elected at the next general election and promises if nominated and elected to serve the people with his accustomed integrity. My record as a business man and citizen is offered as a recommendation.

A. LUSTFIELD.

FOR SALE.

Lot 67, in the village of Crystal Falls, Mich., will be sold cheap for cash. For particulars apply at this office or address R. P. Tuten, Iron Mountain, Mich.

NOTICE.

I, the deputy game warden for Iron county, will prosecute to the fullest extent of the law any and all persons found violating any of the game laws, as relates to the killing of deer, fish, etc.

50th. E. MORGAN.

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CLOAKS, WRAPS, SHAWLS,

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OF

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COMMENCED ON

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 1888.

ALL ARE CORDIALLY INVITED.

MAX BERLOWITZ.

P. S. ---ON ACCOUNT OF HOLLIDAY THE STORE WILL BE CLOSED ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 1888.